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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1898.

LAMAR was confirmed.

The thermometer registered 37° below zero at Minneapolis Jan. 9th.

Russia has been recently sending more troops to the Galician frontier.

A Russian professor was arrested the other day at Pesh, on suspicion of being a spy.

Last week the legislature of Kentucky unanimously elected Senator Beck for another term of six years in the United States senate.

A swine plague prevails in the south of France. Thirty thousand animals have died in the Marcellis district within a month.

Sprecher preached in London on the 8th. On Monday following he was to celebrate at the Tabernacle the publication of his two thousandth sermon.

Mrs. Henry Fawcett, widow of the blind postmaster general of England, talks of lecturing in America. She was a devoted wife and is a most accomplished woman.

The Utah legislature met the other day and organized both branches. There are three Gentiles and twenty-one Mormons in the lower house; two Gentiles and ten Mormons in the upper.

A sharp earthquake shock was felt at Georgetown, Conway, Beaufort, Camden and Bewley, Charleston, Columbia, Savannah, Raleigh, and other southern points Thursday, at 9:55, a. m.

SECRETARY LAMAR on the 8th tendered President Cleveland his resignation as secretary of the interior, and it was accepted. It was made the occasion of many gushing compliments on both sides.

LAST week a dense fog prevailed on the Irish coast. The steamer Wisconsin was unable to land the mails at Queenstown. In a collision between the steamers Shoreham and Cobuth, off Dover, the former was sunk and seven persons drowned.

Mrs. Sempter, who lives on Soldier creek, Ore., saw from her room the other day an antelope out in an open field some distance away. She took her husband's rifle, made aim, fired and killed the animal. When Mr. Sempter came home the game was skinned and dressed, awaiting his inspection.

Mrs. Sarah McCoskey of West Chester, Pa., died while quite alone in her chamber the other day. She was worth \$800,000, but was haunted by fears of the poorhouse, and slept on an iron cot because she did not desire to disturb the elegant appointment of her bed chamber.

The Nebraska State Journal expresses a very nice opinion about the U. S. supreme court. It does it this way: "The United States supreme court is a body composed of gentlemen whose knowledge of the law is accurate, whose sense of justice is acute, whose conception of jurisdictional powers is logical, and whose decisions bear the marks of ability and uprightness. Long live the supreme court."

Two weeks ago we gave a belated item of Mrs. Ira Sowl, of the southern part of this county giving birth on Dec. 20th, 1886, to three well formed girl babies, all of whom died however. A citizen informs us that on the 21st of last month (Nov.) she gave birth to two children, well formed, but who also died very soon. This makes five children born one woman within eleven months. This is much out of the usual order of nature; hence we catch the item and cover it before the current of time bears it away. (Oakdale Pen and Plover.)

Our Debt of Honor.

People have forgotten the nature of the service asked of and obtained from their soldiers. Let the reader think for a moment what sacrifices would be involved if he, now reading this magazine comfortably by his winter fireside, should feel it to have become his duty to drop his business wholly; to say good-bye to wife and children, knowing the grave risks that he would never see them again upon earth; to leave the pleasure and home comforts, don a private soldier's uniform, submit to a rigorous physical discipline, march by night and by day, be houseless in rain or snow, often sleeping without shelter under a pouring sky; to live on the coarsest fare always, and frequently with an insufficient supply of that; to be posted as a picket by day and night in pestilential swamps and bottom lands; to risk the imminent peril of losing health and accepting the tender mercies of a field hospital; to enter upon campaign, skirmish, battle; day after day, to see comrades drop one by one; to take chances of wounds by shell and bullet, of torture in a prison-pen, and of death by any of these means—famine all this, and then say that he would consider that his country had redeemed a pledge of "eternal gratitude" as soon as it had paid him the princely sum of \$192 a year for his services! There is no need of rhetoric. This possible experience is what hundreds of thousands of our brave boys actually endured. There is not a dash of added tenderness to the coloring, there, that is probably the question that is pending for settlement at the hands of the American people today. (From "Small Wars" by Gen. E. H. Rippey, in the American Magazine for January.)

An Important Matter.

There was a little by-play in the last hour of the session of the county board of supervisors that is worthy of mention.

We refer to the motion made by Supr. Hopkins that an expert be employed to examine into the official records of all county offices, from Jan. 1, 1880 to Jan. 1, 1888.

The discussion was opened by Mr. Hopkins with a general statement that there seemed to be a desire with a large body of the citizens of a careful examination of all the books, so that all might know whether or not they had been conducted properly or not. He did not wish it understood that he was intending to cast any suspicion on officers, but he did think it was proper to know the truth which could only be ascertained through an examination by an expert.

Supr. Burrows believed that an examination, if made, should go back to 1870. Supr. Swartley agreed with Hopkins in the desirability of the aimed at, but said that the expense, which would be, in his opinion, not less than \$1,500, would not be justified by the result likely to be reached.

Supr. Olsson suggested that if an expert were employed and he should find an shortage in the affairs of an official in a time so long past that an action for recovery would be "outlawed," it would be a little provoking. He also referred to the expense and didn't believe any good would come of it.

Supr. Burrows inquired for what length of time after an officer's term expired, an action would yet lie for a deficiency. Supr. Henry said it was his opinion that when you make a settlement, (as had been done, for instance, with the treasurer every year), and balance accounts, you could not go back on that. He was perfectly satisfied that in the last four years you would not find money enough to pay for five days work by an expert. Mistake doubtless would be found, in the county's favor and against it, but all told he doubted if the balance either way would justify any expense for an expert, who could not, in his opinion, be employed for \$1,500.

Supr. Irwin made some remarks, the import of which we did not fully catch, but understood him to reply to some remark that the county had at one time employed an expert, by saying that Mr. Abner Turner had been called in, for a short time once, in a settlement with the treasurer, and on a particular matter only.

Supr. Kramer thought it would be advisable for the board to find the time limited for liability on official bonds, and so amend the resolution as to include what could yet be legally reached in case any delinquency should be found. He knew there was considerable talk in regard to the large expenditures made by the county, also that many were of the opinion that the county had suffered great loss through the law in regard to fee-books not having been complied with.

Supr. Hopkins was aware that to critically examine all the official books of the county would require an expert and even for an expert it would be a small job. He desired to be candid and fair in this matter, and would say plainly what he had to offer. For some time past there has been considerable talk by citizen tax-payers of the county that there exists at Columbus a "ring," and that important matters are kept hid from public view to the detriment of tax-payers. Whether this is true or not he did not know—he only knew of a feeling of dissatisfaction in many portions of the county. If there is nothing wrong, a thorough examination by an expert will demonstrate that fact, and the cloud of suspicion, distrust and dissatisfaction will be dissipated. If there has been any wrong done the county, it ought to be known, to the end that there may be more care in the future. This is no political question, but one simply of justice in the administration of the affairs of the county.

Supr. Olsson thought if an examination was made, it should go back to 1870, at least, and he made a motion to amend, accordingly, which was seconded by Supr. Swartley.

Supr. Hopkins said it seemed to him that to insert that amendment will eventually defeat the original motion. For his part he did not desire to go back beyond the hour of liability on the official bonds. It former boards have neglected to do their duty in this regard we cannot help that—we are responsible to our constituents for what we do or fail to do. Our constituents feel that too much money is being collected from them in the way of taxes, that there is money lying idle in our county treasury, while our warrants are below par, and that something out to be done in the way of relief.

The amendment was lost. Supr. Hopkins here read the law in regard to liability on official bonds—ten years. The eyes and nose being called on the original motion, resulted in eyes—Burrows, Bruen, Hopkins and Kramer, all others present (12) voting nay.

A Horrible Night. The railroad disaster on the Union Pacific early Monday morning, near Edison Station, Wyo., proved to have been a horrible casualty. Two children were killed outright, while many persons were injured, some of them fatally.

The killed were: A five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Johnson, of Denver, Col. A four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Treat, of Bloomington, Ill. The fatally injured are: Mrs. D. B. Kretzing, chest crushed. William R. Johnson, chest crushed. D. B. Kretzing, ribs broken and internal injuries.

The list of others injured is as follows: Mr. William R. Johnson, back hurt. George Shearer, brakeman, thigh badly cut. Miss Ida Jay, back slightly injured. James Price, hip bruised and ankle hurt.

Mrs. James Price, head slightly cut. Mrs. Dennis Treat, thigh badly cut. Two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Kretzing, slightly cut on the right arm. The ill-fated train was No. 3 which left here Saturday night. Near Edison station some portion of the machinery of the locomotive got out of order and the train came to a stop. The night was bitter cold, the thermometer showing 25

State Superintendent of Schools Lane

is said to be receiving much encouragement from teachers and school officers over the state in his effort to make an exhibit of the school work at the next meeting of the state teachers' association, which is to be held in Fremont, March 27, 28 and 29.

The B. & M. officials have put an agent at a small place on the road, the other side of the river, called Nimberg. They sell a good many tickets to this place to many of the Bohemians here who go there to visit their friends.—(Schuyler Herald.)

The state poultry and pet stock exhibition held at Lincoln last week was much greater than was anticipated. Over 500 entries were made up to the evening of the 10th, and fully 50 per cent. more were expected on the next day. It is stated that many exhibitors are coming from other states.

The third child of Mrs. Ernest Kerkow, of Scribner, died on Monday night, and the remaining child is down with the same disease. We also learn that Mr. Wm. Kerkow has an attack of diphtheria, in connection with a return of his heart trouble. It is indeed a very sad state of affairs.—(Fremont Herald.)

There were a number of teams here from North Bend after flour and feed. The people of the Bend find it cheaper to haul from here than to ship over the U. P. Here is a state of affairs that should not exist. There is no good reason why a railroad company should not haul goods as cheap if not cheaper than they can be hauled by teams.—(Schuyler Herald.)

A farmer by the name of Rinehardt the other day attempted to drive a span of mules across the railroad track at West Point, directly in front of the east bound passenger train. The engine struck the animals, killing one and crippling the other. Rinehardt, and a neighbor who was in the wagon with him, were hurled to the ground and severely bruised. The wagon has the appearance of having been struck by a cyclone.

Recent post office changes in Nebraska. Established—Erickson, Wheeler county, J. E. Brankenberry; Natick, Howard county, Frank W. Mills; Posen, Howard county, Adam Loskowski. Names changed—Cariabrook, Furnas county, to Stanford, Harlan county, A. F. Henry; Factoryville, Cass county, to Union, R. H. Frans; Northside, Wayne county, to Winside, Lafayette McDuffy; Palo, York county, to Gresham, North Clare. Discontinued—Dana, York county. Postmasters appointed—Nora, Nuckolls county, Agnes Thomas.

Just for a starter, the Fremont packing house has paid \$62,000 for hogs, to date; has killed 4500 hogs; has in its employ 52 men, and its weekly payroll amounts to about \$50. This is something of an indication what the business is going to be. Starting in with everything new during the past month, and with no market established, it is a most favorable showing, and an indication of what proportions it is gradually assuming and whose beneficial results will be more and more experienced as it is more nearly worked to its capacity.—(Fremont Herald.)

Mrs. Loran Clark met with a serious accident last Sunday evening that will take some time for her to recover from. She had started to attend the M. E. church and while standing on the steps preparing to enter the house she missed her footing and fell to the ground, striking on her hand and face. Her wrist was broken, her face bruised and she sustained other injuries by the fall. Mr. Clark has been almost helpless for several years on account of injuries received by being thrown from her carriage, and this accident will add materially to her suffering.—(Albion Argus.)

The United States supreme court handed down an opinion in the council case of Lincoln the other day, holding that Judge Brewer had no jurisdiction; they ordered the discharge of the imprisoned members. Judge Gray holds that the United States circuit court, sitting as a court of equity, has no jurisdiction whatever over criminal cases or cases involving the appointment or removal of state and municipal officers.

The proceedings of the federal court in Nebraska are in the nature of a usurpation of the functions of the court of law, and were beyond its jurisdiction and were null and void. The mayor and council of Lincoln are illegally held in custody and are entitled to be discharged. It is said that Chief Justice Waite and Justice Harlan dissented.

Potatoes have proved to be the best crop raised in Butler county this year. Those who put in a crop of them struck the average yield of potatoes this year is 150 bushels per acre. At 50 cents a bushel this makes \$75. Corn at 50 bushels per acre and 25 cents a bushel, is only \$12.50 or one-third as much profit. They are no harder to cultivate in summer than corn, and one man can pick up as many potatoes in a day as he can huck bushels of corn. D. P. Kilgore, of Summit, had in 65 acres this year, and raised 10,000 bushels, which he contracted for 50 cents a bushel. Five thousand dollars as the gross proceeds of one crop does not happen as a regular thing, however.—(Butler Co. Press.)

Washington Letter. (From our regular correspondent.) The speaker did not announce the house committee until Thursday, and as Friday and Saturday were given to the work of organizing, committees have not yet had time to report any bills, and as, in consequence, little business can be transacted on the floor of the house during the present week, speeches are suggested. Indeed it might be a good plan to utilize these dull and idle days for the purpose of getting off the set speeches on tariff and other questions, which members have prepared months before congress opened, and which, if not delivered now, are sure to consume a great deal of time later in the session, when time is more valuable than now. It has been suggested too that it would be a good time to deliver the funeral orations on deceased members.

As predicted, the assignment of members to the various committees gave great dissatisfaction, which came near an open revolt on the part of many. My sympathies in this contest were with the opposition, as members here hardly have any chance of the abuse being upon him. He had a most arduous task to perform, and to carry out the programme of the packing process, necessarily had to break his head several times against the wall. Mr. Carlisle, of all other men, has the legitimate right to consider himself the sore head.

A New York member, who is a strong supporter of the administration, was quite emphatic in his denunciation of the speaker. He exclaimed: "Why, he has given everything to the south and left us out in the cold." In looking over the list I find this to be the fact. There are 74 committees, and of this number the southern states have the chairmanships of 32, which would rather confirm the New York member in his assertion. Missouri has the chairmanship of five committees, Massachusetts one. Arkansas has three chairmanships, the great state of Iowa only one. Georgia has four and Minnesota none. Texas has three and Wisconsin only one. Pennsylvania, the keystone state, has only two, while Kentucky has four. And so I might go on through the entire list and show the partiality of a speaker who pretends to desire to blot out all sectionalism. I do not wonder that the northern and western men use language in discussing this condition of affairs that would indicate a forgetfulness of early Sunday school training.

In the case of Thobee against Carlisle, the speaker has thus far ignored the issue, but several affidavits have been laid before the committee, so strong in their nature that Mr. Carlisle must face the music. He has therefore asked for further time, which is regarded as humiliating on his part. The committee grants the courtesy, and will not report until the last of this week. Mr. Thobee is vigorously pressing his claims to the seat, and the committee on elections find many difficulties they did not anticipate. Should they report against Mr. Carlisle, a contingency not probable, then matters will be extremely complicated. The case is perplexing, to say the least.

Senator Vorhees, who followed Mr. Sherman in his great speech on the tariff issue as presented by the president, is an able man and made the most of his cause, but his speech fell flat. No one knew this better than Vorhees himself. He complained that the republican senators left their seats during his speech and so they did; that the gallery rapidly thinned out when Mr. Sherman got through; which is also true. But why complain? The people are ready to be won to and anxious to have facts, not to sophistry or subterfuge will answer.

Ex-congressman Bragg, of Wisconsin, has been several days and it is understood has the promise of the Mexican mission. President Cleveland has been very unfortunate, thus far, in his appointment of ministers to Mexico. He has already made three, and this would make the fourth. In case Mr. Bragg gets the place, his habits of sobriety are such that the American people need not fear further disgrace on that score, at least. When he appeared on the floor of the house among his old friends last Saturday, with a screen over his left eye, they began to joke him for having begun Mexico City life so soon. He thinks, however, that he can stand the social climate of the Mexican capital very well. At all events he is willing to try. He said: "I am not afraid of anything."

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

District 44 and Vicinity. A meeting of the F. M. association at school-house this (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock. Wednesday last week a strong chilly wind was blowing from the south-east; towards sundown the air was filled with smoke. Thursday morning wind in same direction, with a heavy fall of snow, which continued until 2:45 p. m. when the wind changed to the north-west and a blizzard of huge dimensions was upon us. Although it handled us without gloves, it had one good trait, it lasted but 12 hours.

Lawrence Byrnes, jr., age about 17 years and son of Lawrence Byrnes of this place left home about a month ago and has not been heard from since. His mother, learning of his whereabouts, proceeded somewhere in Colfax county, proceeded in company with another lady to persuade him to return home, but the

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